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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

GISELLE CHRISANTHIS, L.P.N. License # NP 03287100

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about August 14, 2014, a letter was sent to respondent on behalf of the Board, asking for information concerning an arrest on July 5, 2014 on charges of simple assault, and also asking for proof of completion of required continuing education.
- 3. The letter was sent to respondent at her address of record by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing was returned, marked "unclaimed." The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

4. On respondent's renewal application on June 13, 2014, respondent indicated that she had completed required continuing education by May 31, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's inquiry and/or to provide the Board with a valid mailing address constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).
- 2. Respondent's failure to demonstrate completion of required nursing continuing education for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).
- 3. Respondent's indication on her renewal application that she had completed required continuing education prior to renewal of her nursing license in June of 2014 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on December 29, 2014, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a reprimand and a total of \$750 in civil penalties. A copy of the Order was served upon the respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or

other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was returned, marked "unclaimed." The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter, and determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 6th day of April , 2015, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she has responded to the Board's original inquiry in full, and/or provided the Board with a valid mailing address, and until she has demonstrated completion of thirty (30) contact hours of nursing continuing education to be attributed to the 2012-2014 licensing cycle.
- 2. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:1-21(b).
- 3. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, as well as a \$250.00 civil penalty for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, for a total penalty amount of \$750.00. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Nursing,

P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07101, within twenty one (21) days of the filing of this order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN Board President